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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

A HOPEFUL TONE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 14, 7.25 a.m.

A Cabinet Minister stated yesterday that an early settlement of the strike was certain if the same good spirit continued as is now shown.

PREMIER'S SUGGESTIONS.

It is officially stated that the Coal Conference continued the general discussion as to the best means of arriving at a settlement. It has been adjourned to enable certain suggestions made by Mr. Asquith to be considered.

TOWARDS AGREEMENT.

The Miners' Federation yesterday unanimously expressed its willingness to enter into negotiations immediately with the coal owners in the various districts on purpose to secure a settlement on all points of dispute at the earliest possible moment.

QUESTION OF RESUMPTION.

The Federation also considered the question of the men resuming, leaving certain matters for future adjustment, though it could not advise a resumption until the minimum wage was conceded.

The coal owners also conferred, and the joint conference reassembled in the afternoon at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

PREMIER PLEASED.

London, Mar. 13, 3.25 p.m.

At the conference Mr. Asquith expressed gratification at the course taken by the negotiations.

SHEFFIELD WORKS CLOSE.

At Sheffield works, after making stipulations efforts to keep going, are closing down one after the other.

The owners consider that it is cheaper to close down than to pay 32/6 per ton for coal.—Reuter.

A REASONABLE ATTITUDE.

London, March 13, 4.5 a.m.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that after a joint conference the miners' executive decided to recommend to the federation acceptance of Mr. Asquith's suggestion for district conferences, but that none of the districts return to work till a national settlement is effected.—Reuter.

POLAR EXPLORATION.

MAWSON'S PARTY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 13, 4.5 a.m.

The Hobart correspondent of Reuter says Mawson's ship, the "Aurora," has arrived, and reports that Mawson's party landed in the Antarctic on January 1st.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

A KANSU ARMY.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 14, 9.30 a.m.

Viceroy Sheng Yun of Kansu, with 10,000 troops, is advancing on Tating-fu.

The Kansu gild at Shanghai sent him a message not to advance on Peking, but Sheng Yun has dispersed the revolutionaries and declares that he will restore the Emperor.—Reuter.

EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT.

London, Mar. 13, 5.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that an army from Kansu, which has hitherto been regarded as mythical, has defeated the Government troops and is marching on the Kalgan railway.

The army consists of ten thousand men who are well-armed. The General, Sheng Yun, says that he is coming to restore the Emperor.

Envoys accredited by President Yuan Shih-kai have gone to meet the army and explain the situation.—Reuter.

THE MILITARY ELEMENT.

Shanghai, March 13.

The Governors General of the various provinces will hereafter be styled Commanders-in-Chief of the provincial garrisons, and will take no part in the civil administration.

TANG AND TSOI.

Tang Shu-yi and Tsoi In-pui are proceeding to Wuhan to visit Li Yuan-heng, the Vice President.

CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

Yuan Shih-kai has recommended Leung Si-yi, Tuan Ki-sui, Chia Ping-kwan and Wu Wai-tak for appointment as cabinet ministers.

WIRELESS AT PEKING.

A wireless apparatus has been installed in the legations at Peking, and it is now possible to communicate with Taku, whence messages will be transmitted by Japanese cruisers.

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has appointed Ki Shih-ying commissioner for the suppression of opium.—"Shun Po."

GERMAN TROUBLE.

MORE DISTURBANCES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 13, 5.15 a.m.

Two hundred thousand German miners have now struck, making the number on strike seventy-five per cent. of the whole coalfield. There were further disturbances at Hamborn yesterday evening, the strikers stoning and firing upon the police, of whom many were hurt.

TELEGRAMS.

PUBLIC SERVICE.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 13, 8.5 p.m.

A Royal Commission has been appointed, under the Chairmanship of Lord Maedonnell, to enquire into the methods of appointment and promotion in the civil, diplomatic and consular services.—Reuter.

SUFFRAGIST OUTRAGES.

OFFENDERS SENTENCED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 13, 5.15 p.m.

The women suffragists concerned in the recent outrages, at the sessions received sentences ranging from six to four months, some with hard labour. Two, upon promising not to repeat their conduct were bound over with a surety of £100 and sent to the next sessions.—Reuter.

THE NAVY.

LIGHT CRUISERS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 13, 12.25 a.m.

There is speculation concerning the provision of light cruisers in the naval estimates. They are believed to be a new departure in construction; an improved kind of scout, effective but cheap.

It is stated that the Dreadnought presented by New Zealand will join the Home Fleet instead of the China Squadron.—Reuter.

HOME POLITICS.

LIBERAL CROAKING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

With the exception of the "Daily News," which says the estimates represent financial disaster, the papers approve Mr. Churchill's estimates presented in difficult and delicate circumstances. Some of the critics regard light cruisers as an indication that the day of the protected cruiser has passed. They think the new departure is attributable to the probability of an extensive use of armed merchant and commerce destroyers in future wars.

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, March 14, 7.20 a.m.

There has been desperate fighting at Benghazi. The Italians attacked the two oases to the north-east of Fojat and routed the Turks, pursuing them with the bayonet.

The Turks and Arabs had over a thousand killed and more wounded. The Italian casualties were 26 killed and 63 wounded.

FIERCE ATTACKS.

There was also fierce fighting at Tobruk on March 11. The Turks attacked a new fort in process of construction, but the three Italian regiments engaged in the work drove back the enemy by means of bayonet charges. They were aided by a mountain battery.

It is officially stated that the Italian casualties were 17 killed and 73 wounded. The enemy's losses were enormous.—Reuter.

PENANG DOCKS.

QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 13, 1.50 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Harcourt, replying to a question by Mr. Joynson Hicks, said he entirely approved of the conditions imposed by Sir John Anderson upon the Eastern Shipping Co. of Penang, in connection with the building of new docks.—Reuter.

DISTINGUISHED COAL HEAVERS.

The learned judge who recently set himself to break stones in order to test a case submitted for his judgment was, after all, only expiring the excellent example set by Judge Moss, who on one occasion travelled specially to Bethesda to investigate the conditions under which quarrying was done, to help him decide a lawsuit. He seized the trucks and pushed them himself with both hands.

Mr. Justice Warrington has also toiled as hard as any coal-heaver. A few years ago some eighteen tons of coal near his residence set up combustion, and all his servants there were called upon to remove it urgently to the open. His lordship thereupon took his wife's barrow and worked vigorously with the rest. Five years ago a German count was similarly found working in a railway coal-yard as a common labourer, though he had a different reason for his action; for owing to his dissipation, he had been cashiered from a crack regiment, and, being a man of great physical strength and courage, he at once took a situation as coal-heaver.

TELEGRAMS.

SUGAR CONVENTION.

RUMOURED AGREEMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 13, 12.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels says that it is understood that Russia and Germany have agreed that Russia shall be allowed to export 150,000 tons of sugar during the present season, and 50,000 tons during each of the next two seasons.—Reuter.

FRANCE IN MOROCCO.

FIGHT WITH TRIBESMEN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 13, 5.15 a.m.

The French column sustained casualties amounting to two killed and nineteen wounded in an all-day fight on the 9th inst. with the Zemmur tribesmen in Morocco. There is an anti-foreign outbreak at Marrakech, and a German and a Swiss have been wounded. It is reported that the troops fired, killing several Moors before order was restored.—Reuter.

THE BRAHMAPUTRA FALLS.

Attempt to Solve a Mystery of the Great River.

In connection with the operations in the Abor country, and the intention of the Indian Government to explore the lower section of the unknown Brahmaputra, an expedition, consisting of two British officers with an escort, has been despatched for the purpose of settling the location of the reported great falls of the Brahmaputra.

These falls are, according to rumour, situated about halfway between the northern bend of the river and the plains of Assam. In the unknown section of 130 miles there is a fall in altitude of some 7,000ft., and the river must descend by great and numerous rapids, or by one or a series of great falls. Many attempts have been made by natives of India and others to locate the falls but without success.

The distance to be explored is not great, but as the lie of the Brahmaputra is at right angles to and through the greatest range of mountains in the world, the difficulties to be encountered will be of the severest description. The fixing and measuring of these falls is regarded (says Reuter) as among the chief unsolved problems of geographical science. Some 30 years ago a native was reported to have gone down the river, but after having been captured and kept prisoner for several years he returned without any maps or anything but the vaguest reports.

TELEGRAMS.

SUBMARINE TRAGEDY.

BODIES RECOVERED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 13, 12.25 a.m.

The bodies were removed from the submarine A 3 at midnight and were conveyed to Haslar, where the funeral will take place to-day.—Reuter.

INQUEST AND FUNERAL.

Bombay, Mar. 14, 7.20 a.m.

The inquest on the bodies taken from the A 3 took place at Portsmouth.

There was a hole six feet wide in the hull. All the crew had been drowned.

The funeral of the victims, with naval honours, took place this afternoon at Haslar cemetery.—Reuter.

DISSENSION AT NANKING.

Cabinet and Assembly.

The following is from "China Press" of March 7:—

News has reached Shanghai of a new cause of dissension which is widening the breach between Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the Nanking Assembly. The Assembly's latest grievance against Dr. Sun and his Cabinet is based on their refusal to join with the Assembly in its impeachment proceedings against Lu Chih-yu, Vice-Minister of Laws. As a result two more resignations have been added to the number which resigned because of dissatisfaction with the policy of the Minister of Finance.

The latest to resign are Wu Ching-lien, delegate from Mukden and Kang Pao-chung, from Shensi. A few days ago, Mr. Lu suggested that a delegate should be punished because of some slip on his speech, and the Assembly promptly impeached him.

President Sun, in answer to the action by the Assembly, explained that though Mr. Lu had suggested punishment for a member of the Assembly, no steps had been taken, and it did not amount to action. The fault could only be regarded as a "careless statement." The President said that while legislative rights should be respected, administrative powers should not be slighted and an impeachment of the Vice-Minister of Laws on account of views expressed in a private letter was unwise.

He called attention to the fact that for a hundred years there have been only a few impeachments in the American Congress against executive officials, which shows mutual respect between the government and the legislature. He said the Assembly need not go to the bottom of statements and construe an intention to mean an offence.

The Assembly members regarded this reply as partial and the resignations followed. Dr. Wu Ting-fang is inclined to belittle the stories of dissension at Nanking, but says he is not well posted as to present affairs. "In every Congress or Parliament," he said, "there are number of irrepressibles. People cannot all be of the same mind, and of course discussions and debates will follow." He said there had been a few resignations from the Assembly, but he did not regard the matter as serious.

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

MR. ARTHUR SASSOON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 13, 12.30 p.m.

The death has taken place unexpected of Mr. Arthur A. D. Sassoon, a friend of the late King Edward, at Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's house at Ascot.—Reuter.

QUEEN VICTORIA OF SPAIN.

An Ideal Mother and Possessor of Many Accomplishments.

The Queen of Spain, who has just made herself very popular with the Spanish people by influencing King Alfonso to grant clemency to the revolutionist Ochoa, is only twenty-four years old. She has four living children and has lost one.

She herself was born in 1887, the first jubilee year of the late Queen Victoria. She was the first royal child born in Scotland since the birth of King Charles I. there in 1600. Like all members of the English royal family, the young Princess Ena received a broad education and has many accomplishments.

From her mother she inherited a love of music. She herself sings and plays well. She is fond of the drama, and as a child, says a writer in the "Queen," she became a clever and competent little actress. With happy recollections of her own childhood, Queen Victoria is an ideal mother, and intensely fond of children. She also takes a keen interest in the children of the poor, and not long ago presented a handsome sum to a crèche that had been opened at Seville.

Queen Victoria has kept up her love of outdoor life. Her stable is one of her chief delights. She owns many fine English horses, and often has a favourite mount brought out to her in the courtyard of the palace, to feed with bits of sugar, carrot and apples.

When at Madrid the Queen likes nothing better than her daily visit to La Granja (Spanish for farmhouse), the royal estate near the capital, which has exquisite gardens and fountains and terraces, which rival those of Versailles. Here King Alfonso plays polo, and the Queen smokes herself with trout fishing.

Queen Victoria Eugenie has her mother's love for lace, and owns the wonderful lace brought to England close on 400 years ago by a Spanish princess, Katherine of Aragon, when she came to that country as Queen of Henry VIII. This lace belonged to the late Queen Victoria, who left it to Princess Henry of Battenberg, who in her turn presented it to the then Princess Ena at the time of her marriage.

A queer turn of fortune's wheel has brought this old Spanish lace into the possession of a Queen of Spain who was born an Englishwoman.

This recalls to mind that priceless lace is owned by different members of the English royal family. Queen Mary has a rare flounce of Honiton lace that was on the wedding gown of her mother, the late Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, and also some splendid point d'Alencon lace which once belonged to Queen Adelaide. The Duchess of Connaught has a large and very valuable piece of Honiton lace given her by Queen Victoria, and Princess Henry of Battenberg owns and wears old lace of great beauty and value which was a present from Queen Victoria at the time of her marriage.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES. WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

A Conspiracy of Silence.
Only one minister (Mr. McKenna) spoke upon it (the Welsh Church question) during the vacation and then in very general terms, so that it has to be assumed that the measure will be upon the same lines as that of 1900; but the country has no assurance that in fighting against the proposals of that year it may not be pursuing a phantasm, that the bill of 1912 may not be something entirely different, and that the agitation that is taxing the best brains of the Church party may not be useless because ignorantly directed. Under ordinary circumstances there would certainly sooner or later come a day of reckoning, and the next general election would be called upon to pass judgment on the past conduct of the ministry. There are few people who have any doubt as to the verdict which would be given if the Radicals succeed in carrying out all their schemes. But policy of trickery and evasion has not come to the end of its resources. Mr. Asquith has no intention to appeal to the constituency which he assumes has given him a mandate for all these rule and destructive experiments in tinkering with the constitution. By drastic changes in the electorate he proposes to appeal to quite a different authority to that which brought the Liberals into power. It is astute and—dishonest.

Daily Press.

Yuan and Tang.

The Nanking authorities, however, have recognised that circumstances do not allow of Yuan Shih-kai leaving Peking for the present, and they accordingly waived their demand that he should take the oath of office at Nanking. He has taken it in Peking, and delivered a speech which, judging from the telegraphic summary we have published, might have been the utterance of Sun Yat-sen himself, so admirably does it accord with the aspirations of the Revolutionary party. Now we get the news that the President has appointed as Premier, Tang Shao-yi, who was his chosen representative to discuss terms of peace with Wu Ting-fang at Shanghai, but whose actions he afterwards disowned. There has been much that is mysterious about the history of the negotiations. The public honours accorded to Tang Shao-yi lately at Peking, though he had no official rank whatever, and now his appointment as Premier, would seem to suggest that Tang and Yuan have understood each other very thoroughly all the way along, and when the full history of the peace negotiations comes to be written, it will doubtless be revealed that Tang Shao-yi has played a far bigger part in the settlement than has yet been credited to him.

South China Morning Post.

A Curious Anomaly.

We learn from the "Cable News-American" that the Hongkong authorities have taken up the question, claiming that as there has been no disease in the vicinity of Hongkong for several months, the unreasonable discrimination of the Philippine authorities against cattle from this quarter should be immediately removed. At all events, an effort should be made to give Hongkong the same treatment as is accorded to Australia, the more especially as authorities here are ready to do all in their power to minimise the risk of cattle disease entering the Philippines from this quarter. The matter is one of considerable importance. It seriously affects the shipping between Hongkong and Manila, it kills what for many years was a fairly lucrative business, and inevitably it reacts upon the people of the Philippines themselves, who are in consequence of this absurd restriction upon a legitimate trade compelled to pay a much higher price for one of the necessities of life than they would otherwise have to do.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Naval Strength.

With the completion of all of the vessels now under construction or authorized, the United States will have a fleet of 382 vessels of all classes, with an aggregate displacement of nearly a million and a half tons.

The total displacement of vessels of all classes of the American navy as it stands to-day is 1,120,715, including tugs and auxiliaries. The warship tonnage is 757,711, putting the American navy next to Great Britain, with 1,800,149; Germany ranking third with 749,899. Were all the vessels now building completed, however, Germany would take second place with 1,087,399 tons, and America's total would be increased only to 885,866. Great Britain would still hold first place with 2,324,579.

More Municipal Trading.

Los Angeles is to have a municipal newspaper, according to George H. Dunlop, a real estate man, one of three members of the editorial board. Henry O. Wheeler, Jr., an attorney, and Dr. T. Percival Gerson are the other members.

"The chief function of the paper," said Mr. Dunlop, "will be to print all of the news relating to the city's affairs." The tentative plans of Mr. Dunlop provide for printing the paper by contract instead of purchasing a municipal plant. The ordinance allows \$30,000 annually for the expenses of the publication.

Chinese and America.

Chinamen, like other foreigners, may be deported from America by order of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, under authority of the immigration laws, and are not entitled to have a judicial determination first, under the Chinese exclusion act, of their rights to remain in America.

The Supreme Court of the United States, on deciding, held that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New York was wrong in preventing the Secretary from deporting Wong You and four other Chinamen, alleged to have been smuggled into New York from Canada. Secretary Nagel complained that the decision of the lower court greatly embarrassed his Department.

Moderation for Mormons.

Bishop F. B. Spaulding of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Utah, in the course of an address, said that the Mormons regarded polygamy as a sacred tenet of a religious faith, and that people should not be too bitter against them for it. All of the women who went into polygamy did so with eyes open, the Bishop continued, and therefore it was not worth while wasting sympathy on them.

"The people of the East are all wrong," he added, "in supposing that the Mormon polygamy was a concession to the lust of mankind. It was a sacred tenet of a religious faith, so practiced, and so believed in. The problem in Utah is in consequence one to be dealt with in sympathy and through the sharing of light and knowledge and not through bitter assaults."

Anti-tipping Legislation.

Kentucky's proposed anti-tipping law has passed the lower house of the Legislature by a vote of 59 to 7, with an emergency clause attached, which reads:

"Whereas, members of the Legislature are now paying out sums of money in the way of tips; an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this bill shall become a law as soon as it is signed by the Governor."

The bill provides a fine for tipping waiters and porters.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

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Last Month's Winners.

The winners in the February competition are:—
First Prize of ten dollars—Mr. and Mrs. Weston.
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Special mention must also be made of Mr. F. T. de V. Spares who sent some excellent photographs of the proposed garden city at Kowloon.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month.

The first prize is one of \$10 and the second is one of \$5.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

Give Everyone a Chance. Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issue of March 1.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

March 14, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1912. [242]

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1912

A REGRETTABLE DELAY.

The enquiry into the circumstances attending the affray on the Sui An, on February 28, ended, as all the evidence pointed towards its ending, in complete exoneration of Lance Sergeant Attewell who took life on Tuesday. Nothing could be more regrettable than the fact that he has passed to the other side without knowing that a jury of his fellow-men found his action not only excusable but justified.

We can never know now what feelings and fears operated on Attewell's mind and impelled him to the rash act which all deplore. But at least we can be certain that he was not driven by any thought that he had done wrong. He did only his duty, and, however unfortunate the result, he had been long enough in the police force to know that, wherever duty led him, he had right on his side. There are sensitive, highly-strung natures, however, which suffer terribly in such a case as that of the deceased officer. They swing uncertainly and unhappily between immediate past and near future; regretting what has happened, fearing what is to happen. They shrink from the judgment of their fellows; rather, they shrink from the possibility of misjudgment. The man of strong level sanity who is often wanting a little in imagination, may not fully understand and sympathise with this mood of mind; but there are many who can appreciate what an agony this brooding means to a sensitive soul.

No one can ever be sure just how Attewell suffered, but that he did suffer is only too clear. And, in the light of what happened this week, regret is keen that the enquiry was delayed. There were no doubt, reasons for holding the enquiry close upon a fortnight after the death of the Sui An victim, though they do not appear in any published report that we have seen. The longer the delay, the more would a sensitive man suffer; for he was almost bound to conclude that every day of waiting pointed to something against himself being examined, a mistaken assumption, of course, but in the circumstances a natural one for a man like Attewell. So we can picture him with a mind seared by the thought of the man dead, on the one hand, and by the fear of misunderstanding on the part of his fellows on the other. It is a thousand pities, in the light of after events, that that fear was not promptly removed. To say that is not to blame anyone; it would be an impertinence to offer blame for a delay which may have justified. But it is permissible for us to express the regret that is generally felt.

DAY BY DAY.

We must carefully distinguish between the absence of fact and the presence of principle.

To-day's Paper.

An interesting article on coincidences on the race track appears on page 8. One page 3 will be found News of the World and the coupon for the Photographic Competition.

James Burns, who charged at the Magistracy this morning with having stowed away on the s.s. Anhui from Shanghai, was fined \$100.

At the Magistracy to-day a man charged with stealing four umbrellas and a bundle of clothing from a fellow passenger on the s.s. Kwang Si, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The dead body of a Chinese child was found yesterday, dumped in the Eastern district. The infant had died from small pox.

We have to thank Mr. J. Lambert, Lloyd's Surveyor, for a copy of Lloyd's statistical tables of British and Foreign shipping for 1911.

St. Marceaux Champagne.

St. Marceaux Champagne, vintage 1904 (for which wine Messrs. A. S. Watson & Company, Ltd., are local agents) was used exclusively at the recent Coronation of the King of Siam at Bangkok and throughout the entire ceremonies connected with it.

The V. R. C.

In connection with the amateur boxing tournament to be held under the auspices of the V. R. C. next month for the Bantam, Light, Feather and Welter championships of the Colony, we learn that so far six entries have been received. It is to be hoped that more entries will be sent along to the hon. secretary of the club, so that an interesting series of contests may be arranged.

The Late Mr. Eberius.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, Mr. Grist made an application under section 1 of the Bankruptcy Act for the estate of G. F. Eberius, deceased, to be administered according to law. Letters of administration, said Mr. Grist, had been granted and the Official Receiver had been served with that petition and he understood, the property had been taken possession of and no objection was taken to that application.

The Official Receiver said he had no objection to the application and it was accordingly granted.

Congress of Universities.

Preparations are being completed for the forthcoming Congress of Universities of the Empire. The Congress is to meet in London for four days' formal discussion in July, and to remain in being as a party of fellow-travellers for nearly another month. Its members will be drawn from every quarter of the British Empire where Universities exist. The subjects included in the programme for discussion are various and practical. One of the most interesting debates will probably be the problem of the universities in the East, especially in regard to their influence on character and moral ideals. This was proposed as a topic for debate by Sir Frederick Lugard, Governor of the Colony of Hongkong and Chancellor of its new University. It is very pertinent in view of the China University and of the plans of religious fusion recently suggested by a Japanese minister.

CREDITORS SATISFIED.

Bankruptcy Petition
Withdrawn.

Mr. Gardiner, on behalf of J. H. Nowbold, late of the Owl Grill Rooms, explained to Judge Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, to-day, that his client had made arrangements to pay a sum which would satisfy his creditors and he asked to have the bankruptcy petition withdrawn.

The Official Receiver said he had before him what was said to be a full list of creditors and that an arrangement to pay forty per cent. had been come to.

The petition was withdrawn.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPARTURE.

Civil Service Address.

Official leave-taking commenced to-day when an address was presented to His Excellency the Governor by the members of the Civil Service at noon. A large representative gathering awaited His Excellency in the ball room at Government House, and on His Excellency's arrival, Mr. Claud Severn read the address which is as follows:—

To Sir Frederick John Lugard, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong.

May it please Your Excellency, We the undersigned, members of the Civil Service of all grades in the Colony of Hongkong, desire to convey to Your Excellency our respectful congratulations on the honour which His Majesty the King has conferred on you by entrusting you with the Administration of the United Territories of Northern and Southern Nigeria. Such an appointment is a high tribute to Your Excellency's administrative capacity, which has been shown in such a marked degree during your term of office Governor here.

It is impossible within the limits of an Address to review the principal events of the past few years, or to enumerate the various subjects, in some cases of great importance to the Colony, which have engaged your attention and received the benefit of your wise judgment, but we desire in particular to allude to that great project which has occupied so much of your time and energy namely, the founding of the University, the coping stone of your great efforts in the cause of Education. It is due to your statesmanlike foresight that Hongkong is first in the field prepared to take advantage of the call for Education in Western methods which the recent changes in China have brought about, and the result of your efforts cannot fail to be a further cementing of the friendly relations now happily existing between Great Britain and China.

It must be as gratifying to you as it is to all who have the welfare of this Colony at heart that it has been found possible to hold the Opening Ceremony before you leave Hongkong.

It is our earnest hope that Lady Lugard may shortly be restored to health. Her labours in the sphere of philanthropy are characteristic of her life, and Hongkong owes a deep debt of gratitude to her for all she has done to help on every good work. We can express no better wish than that she may be enabled in a different and wider sphere to pursue further her noble efforts in the cause of Charity and Civilization.

We tender to Your Excellency an expression of our sincere good wishes for the future happiness of yourself and Lady Lugard. Hongkong, March 1912. Here follow the signatures of all the heads and subordinates of all departments in the service. His Excellency in reply said:—I am deeply grateful to you, gentlemen, for the kind words recorded in the Address which you, Sir, have just read.

Many of you have spent long years in this Colony, and most of you have been here longer than myself, but I think that I feel as much identified with the Civil Service of Hongkong as any of you can. For the interests and problems of this Colony have for close on 50 years been my continual study and occupation to the exclusion of practically any reading or attention to any subject outside the Colony and its daily press, so that I naturally feel as though I were being uprooted and transferred to another soil and atmosphere.

I greatly regret to leave you, but the summons to another place came in terms which left me no option but to obey.

I shall look back upon my time here as perhaps the pleasantest in my life, in spite of the anxiety

cause by the long continued illness of my wife. I thank you most especially for the terms in which you have alluded to her. It is a source of deep regret to her that she has been prevented from doing her part at Government House, and acquiring as personal a touch with the whole Civil Service as she would have wished to do.

I am proud to have been associated with so able and so loyal a band of colleagues. Hitherto I have occupied the position of your official Chief. In a day or two that relation will cease, and I trust it may be replaced by mutual and long continued friendship. If it should fortunately at any time be in my power to serve your individual interests, I hope you will not hesitate to give me the opportunity.

Those of you who are my compatriots I shall hope to meet from time to time in England. To those of you whose homes are in the East I must say a long good-bye. I wish you all success both individually and in your work of administration in this important Colony. For it cannot desire a better future than it may continue to be served by as strenuous, as high principled and as able a Civil Service as it has at this moment.

The address was enclosed in handsome blackwood covers with silver mountings and His Excellency's initials in the centre.

Address from the Community.

We are asked to draw attention to a notification appearing on page 5 in regard to the presentation of an address to His Excellency the Governor. The address is to be presented in St. George's Hall at 11.30 a.m. sharp on Saturday morning and it is requested that those desiring to be present should be in their seats by 11.15.

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The Hughes Comedy Company have caught on first time and are assured of a successful season in Hongkong. They came with a big reputation, and they did more than live up to it. To have its praises sung in advance is quite often damaging to a company, for anticipation leaps ahead of actual worth. But anticipation in this case fell short of realisation; which was a triumph for the company.

Doubtless there was a story in "The Speculators", but one never quite got the hang of it. One seldom does in musical comedy. So long as you know something of what is intended and the fun is good, the story does not matter. "The Speculators" does not appeal because it is quite outside the usual lines. It is not. There are all the old favourite characters and situations—and fun. Koffol, for instance, whose specialties are revolvers and bombs and homicidal tendencies generally, is half-brother to the amiable lunatic in the "Belle of New York"—he of the immortal, deadly ham-knife, and Bloom and Blossom are as old—as musical comedy.

But the fun is there—all the old screaming, rib-shaking fun. The audience rooked with laughter where it sat last night. One has not heard such hearty laughter for years. If merriment is the best medicine Hongkong should show a clean bill of health for some time to come. It is a matter for congratulation that the company is remaining for some little while.

Most of the fun is raised by Mr. Paul Stanhope and Mr. Bert le Blanc (Bloom and Blossom) ably supported by Mr. C. C. Lydston. These are three very clever laughter-makers, and the two first-named, almost carry the piece on their backs. As "Cassia Roland" Madame Pearl Lloyd was clever alike in her lines and her singing. She has a very pleasing mezzo-soprano voice of fine quality and she knows how to make use of it. But, apart from Miss de Guy, the singing is only of moderate quality. Weakness there, however, is compensated for by brilliance in dancing. The chorus girls are very clever in this department.

Altogether the piece goes with a deal of snap and the merriment at times is whirling. It is well worth a visit and we prophesy packed houses every night.

THE RACES FATALITY.

To-day's Enquiry.

This morning at the Magistracy, Mr. E. A. Irving held an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Thomas Nesbit, second engineer of the s.s. Hai-ching, who was knocked down by a tram, after the races on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Dr. Bell stated that the deceased was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital on Feb. 24, dying there on Feb. 27. The post-mortem showed that death was due to a large hemorrhage on the brain. There was no fracture of the skull and the injury looked as though it might have been caused by a blow or fall.

The Magistrate:—Would it be compatible with his being knocked over by a tram?—Oh yes!

The Chinese driver of the car which knocked the deceased over, near the Golf Club, said that he was driving away from the race course. There were two cars passing at the time and he did not catch sight of the defendant until he started to emerge from behind the other car. Witness sounded the bell and put on the emergency brake. The deceased tried to get back, but the car being unable to stop sharply, on account of the slippery state of the rails, hit the deceased, his head being struck by the brass hand-ail at the entrance to the vehicle. Usually the cars could be pulled up in seven or eight yards.

You attribute the accident to the road being slippery?—Yes.

Do you think you would have been able to pull up before you reached him if the road had not been slippery?—Yes.

In answer to further questions witness said that there was time for the deceased to have crossed the line safely, but he tried to dodge back. He was unable to estimate the speed of the car. He attributed the slippery condition of the rail to the fact that the wheels had carried some of the oil used in the curves, so that the wheels did not get a good hold. Though it was race day, he had had no instructions to "speed up" and in fact was going at the usual rate.

A Chinese school boy, who in his statement to the police said he was walking in the road when the accident occurred, but told the magistrate he was riding in the car, was reprimanded by Mr. Irving, and told to leave the witness box.

P. C. McCowan gave evidence that he saw the deceased knocked over and said that the car was pulled up close to where he fell. He went to deceased's assistance and with another officer carried him to the footpath, and afterwards to a house in Morrison Hill Road.

It was impossible for the car to travel fast in the crowd that was about day.

Mr. J. J. Stoddart Kennedy, manager for the tramway company, said he did not think the oil would make difference to the tread of the rail. It was only used to avoid scraping on the side of the rail. A car would have to be in very good condition to allow of its being pulled in its own length, 20 feet.

The Magistrate found that the deceased was killed, by being knocked down by a tram car and that no blame attached to the motor man. He returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

MONEY LENDERS' CHARGES.

Bankrupt says he Borrowed at 120 per cent.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, T. F. da Silva Alonco was adjudicated a bankrupt.

Debtor in explaining his circumstances said he was a clerk earning \$225 per month, which he had been drawing for over a year. His liabilities were about \$6,000, the whole of which represented borrowed money. He had actually only borrowed eight or nine hundred dollars and interest at the rate of 120 per cent. per annum was charged.

The Official Receiver said the debtor was paying a monthly sum and asked for him to be made a bankrupt.

OUTBREAK AT CANTON.

Continued Fighting.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date March 13:—

Yesterday morning fighting was resumed between the troops of the regular forces and the revolutionary soldiers commanded by Wong Wo-shun at Chong Chin Street, the scene of the assassination of the late Tartar General.

Machine guns were used by both sides. The regular forces were supported by the troops stationed in the city towers, who fired down on the revolutionary soldiers who took up posts near a pawn broker's shop at Ta Ping Sha.

At noon, the revolutionary soldiers of the "Hip" regiment stationed at the bund came into collision with the regulars at the "Five Forties Gates" through the arrest of eighteen of their number by the latter. Firing continued for two hours. The fight was ended after the commander of the regulars had surrendered the eighteen prisoners. Firing also was heard to come from the direction of Wei-of Street in the centre of the city. This time the revolutionary soldiers of the "Hong" regiment opened hostilities with the regulars in the streets. The regulars called for assistance and were reinforced by their comrades and some machine guns. The people in the neighbourhood were panic-stricken, and seeing the imminence of a severe encounter, at once telephoned to the Governor-General, who lost no time in ordering the commanders of the two sides to keep their respective troops under control. The order of the Governor-General was carried out.

Many houses were brought to ruin, and the various localities were beyond description. The streets were lined with corpses. In Tung Kwan and Nan Kwan, the water service was completely disorganized, the mains being broken and the streets were flooded. Electric current was disconnected and many places were thrown into darkness. The eating houses have sold out all the available food, and the people are starving. The Self Government Society has despatched a telegram to Dr. Sun Yat-sen reporting the unfortunate occurrence which has brought misery to many homes, and Dr. Sun Yat-sen is requested to telegraph to the Governor-General of Canton, instructing him to restore peace and order as soon as possible.

TROUBLE AT WEICHOW.

Revolutionaries and Regulars.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—

News has reached Canton from Weichow of trouble between the regular troops and the revolutionary soldiers, which took place on Sunday last. Fortunately the results were not so disastrous as at Canton. It appears that Commander Li Chai-man, in command of a company of the troops of the regular forces, arrived at Weichow at noon on the day in question with instructions from the Governor-General of Canton to disband some of the revolutionary soldiers. Commander Li, on arrival, called up the various regiments, for inspection on the parade ground with the intention of subsequently disbanding some of them. He had the entrances to the parade ground strongly guarded by his own troops. The revolutionary soldiers suspected his movement and at once opened fire. A serious encounter ensued. At first the regulars were considerably handicapped on account of their ignorance of the neighbourhood.

An urgent telegram was despatched by Commander Li to the Governor-General of Canton asking for assistance. The Governor-General at once sent an urgent wire, reprimanding the commanders of the revolutionary soldiers, who thereupon recalled the soldiers.

During the engagement, the city gates were closed. A number of innocent people were killed during the fight.

AN INTERESTING POINT.

Bankruptcy Law.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Official Receiver made an application for directions concerning a bill of sale made out by Mr. J. David, late proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel, after bankruptcy proceedings had been commenced. Under section 27 of the Ordinance it was provided, he said, that all goods being at the commencement of the bankruptcy in the possession or disposition of the bankrupt were available for the creditors generally. On October 27 debtor gave Messrs. Ruttonjee and Sons a bill of sale for his furniture, the amount being \$2,530.

On Jan. 25 a receiving order was made, and it was agreed that this furniture was at the time in the possession of the debtor and of course the bill of sale did not operate.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the bill of sale holder and said that his Lordship could consider the matter in chambers.

His Lordship said he had read the memorandum, and it seemed to him that the Official Receiver's contention was correct.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada consented to his Lordship's view and did not press his application for hearing in chambers.

The Official Receiver said that in a former case he had refused to give up some furniture saying that there was no established custom in regard to hotel furniture here.

His Lordship:—If Mr. D'Almada wishes to have the issue tried and can call evidence with regard to any custom, I can adjourn the matter.

Mr. D'Almada said that if his Lordship adjourned the matter he would see his client. He did not wish to put him to considerable expense.

The Official Receiver:—It has been agreed not to have the issue tried.

His Lordship:—Then there is no objection to my making a ruling?

Mr. D'Almada:—No.

Mr. Lewis:—Do I understand your Lordship has made a ruling that there is no such custom here?

His Lordship:—Where do you come from?

Mr. Lewis:—I am for the petitioning creditor and of course I support the Official Receiver.

His Lordship:—I rule that there is no such custom here and therefore the bill of sale does not operate.

Debtor then went into the box and was publicly examined. He said he was the late proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel. Business had not been very prosperous of late owing to the competition of two new hotels. He recently tried to sell the hotel but failed to get a purchaser.

The examination then closed, debtor being adjudicated a bankrupt.

COMPANY REPORT.

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, March 30, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.:

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1911.

After allowing for interest, auditors' and consulting committee's fees, writing off \$8,070.78 for loss on a steam lighter sold and a junk lost, providing for depreciation on buildings and machinery, launches, lighters, etc., the net profit, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$247,214.92, which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To be placed to Reserve fund \$1,000.00
To the writing off of certain dead or doubtful assets of previous years 85,937.27
To the paying of a dividend of 40 cents per share 160,000.00
Leaving, to be carried forward to the credit of next year's account \$877.65

Consulting Committee.—During the year the Hon. Mr. H. Kowick resigned his seat on the consulting committee, and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross was appointed in his place. In accordance with the articles of association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross and Dr. J. W. Noble retired, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin, who are recommended for re-election.

Shewan Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 9, 1912.

Statement of Accounts for the year 1911.

Profit and Loss Account.

Auditors' fees \$ 600.00
Consulting Committee's fees 4,000.00
Interest 12,900.49
Loss on sale of steam lighter 4,650.11
Loss of Deep Water Bay junk in typhoon 1,900.37
Amount written off as depreciation 107,022.83
Balance 247,214.92

Balance brought forward from 1910 \$20,615.16
Balance from Working Account:—
Sales of
Cement, 347,765.73
Sales of
Bricks,
Pipes,
etc., 9,396.78
Total 357,633.56

Balance Sheet.

Capital—
1,000 shares at \$10 each fully paid up \$10,000.00
Reserve fund 14,000.00
Sundry Creditors 78,704.01
Balance of Profit and Loss Account 247,214.92
Total \$1,329,918.93

Green Island, Macao:—
Buildings & Machinery as per last statement \$126,115.21

Less Depreciation 25,566.91
Total 100,548.30

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at \$128,140.58

Coal and Casks valued at 2,430.16

Stores valued at 28,116.54
Total 158,690.28

Hok Tin, Hongkong:—
Land as per last statement 1,218,653.31

Buildings and Machinery as per last statement 974,766.18

Less Depreciation 58,485.97
Total 916,280.21

Cement and Raw Material in stock valued at 406,242.89

Coal, Casks, Dynamite and Gunpowder valued at 41,957.83

Stores, General and Machinery valued at 161,631.08
Total 609,881.80

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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. M. No. T. 5,000 KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar., 11 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar., Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. S. Wada, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th Mar., at Noon TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THUNDER ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000 KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 15th Mar., at Noon FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon
N'ASKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. So iuo, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamazaki, T. 7,000	THURSDAY, 28th Mar., at 11 a.m.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. T. No. uchi, T. 6,000	MONDAY, 18th March
SHANGHAI & KOBE	TOSA MARU, Capt. T. Sato, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 27th March

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HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamazaki	May 8th
MIVASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd

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TAMBA MARU	7,000	S. Wada	Mar. 26th
SANUKI MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 9th
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd
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MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	19th Mar., 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"	20th Mar., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	21st Mar., 4 p.m.
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S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Mar. 15th, Noon
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LOG BOOK.

Japanese Shipping Trade.

Mr. Kato, the vice-president of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, is responsible for an article in the "Chugui Shogun," of Tokyo, on the future of the Japanese shipping trade. Unfortunately, the article is, more Japonico, a little indefinite, presumably because until the troubles in China are nearer settlement it would be unwise to express a decided opinion. The Japanese shipping trade is so deeply affected by the fighting in the Yangtze that a lengthy prolongation of the disturbances must inevitably spell trouble. Mr. Kato considers that the national finances are sound, and that, therefore, the shipping trade need not be alarmed as to the financial outlook. He further enunciates the principle that the profit of the shipping trade is not dependent on the ups and downs of the trade, but on the balance, debit or credit, between receipts and expenditure. He then warns the optimist that although cargo and passengers may show heavy increases the whole gain can be easily run away with by a rise in coal or other items on the expenditure side of the account. This warning is further emphasised later in the article, when the writer tells his readers to expect nothing. The price of coal and the wages bills have both heavily risen during recent years and may rise further. In this connection our Tokyo correspondent writes us as follows: "The outlook is not at all bright, for only a week ago the directors of the Company were obliged to turn down a deputation of their men desirous of a further rise in wages. The failure of the Peace Conference at Shanghai has thrown the whole Chinese question into the melting pot, whilst the plague in Manchuria during last spring, and the subsequent quarantine measures, restricting the entry of coolie labour, will seriously affect the exports of soya beans. Although many of the Japanese shipping concerns pay dividends at handsome rates (a recent action in the Tokyo Court claims that in some cases they are paid out of capital), the general prosperity can be gauged from the fact that Government subsidies total 11,000,000 yen and dividends 3,500,000 yen."—The "Syron."

FROM EDITOR TO
PREACHER.

The "Japan Chronicle" learns by a letter from Bombay that Mr. John Cowen, the former editor and proprietor of the "China Times," has become a street preacher in Calcutta, where he was recently arrested for addressing a public meeting after dark, this being an infraction of the Seditious Meetings Act in force in that city. He was fined one rupee, and at nightfall again began preaching, to be once more arrested. It may be recalled that as the result of an article on the Russians in Tientsin which Mr. Cowen wrote during the war (when the "China Times" had Japanese support) he was ordered by the British Consul at Tientsin to give an undertaking not to write further articles calculated to cause a breach of the peace. He declined to give the undertaking and was ordered to be deported, but the order was subsequently quashed by the Court at Shanghai. Shortly after the war Mr. Cowen sold his interest in the "China Times" and returned home, where in London he became connected with the West End Mission, writing out to his friends in China that he had become a door-keeper in the house of the Lord. A year or two ago he accepted a position as editor of a paper in India, but this he has since resigned to become a peripatetic missionary (in English) to the Indians. Mr. John Cowen is the brother of Mr. Thomas Cowen, a journalist well known to many in the East, who was the war correspondent of the "Times" during the China-Japan War, and died a few years ago in Japan. Mr. John Cowen was also on the staff of the "Times" before he came out to the Far East at the time of the Boxer trouble.

COINCIDENCE TIPS.

The Seductive Fascination of Superstition.

Certain racegoers must have revelled recently in the coincidence of Violet Charlesworth being released from prison on the same day that Violet Charlesworth won the Hunter's Steeplechase at Lingfield. It was, of its kind, a particularly straight and illuminating tip, and the equine Violet consummated it without any trouble, enriching numbers of people beyond the sentimentalists. There were solid reasons for expecting her to win, says a writer in an English paper.

Superstition enters into all affairs of chance, and on the turf, so notorious for its uncertainty, omens and such-like weird sources of inspiration have a seductive fascination for many. Even the hard-headed, calculating man of business is liable to be ensnared, and I well recollect the late Mr. Taylor Sharpe at Epsom backing Lord Key, a 100 to 6 chance, because the jockey wore mauve colours and there was a mauve cross on the return half of the railway tickets for that day. It was the dreadful week when Jeddah won the Derby at 100 to 1 and all ordinary methods of finding winners were useless. There is the case of the Salisbury merchant who, one Bibury race day, disturbed a pair of thrushes in a bush on his way to business. "That's curious," he thought, "Thrush is running to-day," and impressed by the coincidence he visited the course and had £300 on Captain Orr-Ewing's representative. But the most renowned of all "coincidence" tips was that for a winner at the Grand Military races at Sandown some years ago. His name was County Council and Major Onslow rode him, and the London County Council election was proceeding at the time, Lord Onslow being the Moderate leader. Here was a coincidence complete in every detail.

Strange Cases.

Many kindred if not quite such striking cases might be instanced, while it has frequently happened that owners have been successful on their birthdays. Lord Rosebery won the Oaks with Bonny Jean, Lady de Bathe the Cesarewitch and a little fortune with Yentoi, and Sir William Ingram the Cambridgehire with Comfrey—all on this interesting occasion.

When Submit so unexpectedly won the Cesarewitch for Mr. Jack Joel a certain business man with plenty of money and a flimsy knowledge of racing hugged a "monkey" through the coincidence that the first of his letters which he opened at breakfast that morning bore the signature of Joel. Confiding later in a friend he said: "Now I want you to put me £20 on Submit at the longest possible price." His friend replied it was all nonsense, that Cesarewitch winners were not found in that stupid way. "Never mind, do it," persisted the other. "You know £20 is nothing to me, so put it on, like a good chap." It ended in a wager of £500 to £15, and Submit beat Dibs by a head after a terrific finish.

Why a Certainty Did Not Run.

About pure superstition on the turf seems might be written and romances galore. Considering the qualities essential to success on the turf, especially as a backer—insight, level-headedness, judgment of both men and horses—the extent to which superstition flourishes among racing people is amazing. Shrewd men behave under its influence like old apple-women. Not so very long ago a trainer of the "warm" school put down the foundations for a little cup under National Hunt rules. Bar accident it was a "cinch," the animal, whose form had been skillfully concealed in previous races, having 14lb. in hand. Arrangements were made to have £300 on "each way" at starting price. In these and all other matters the trainer managed the owner as well as his horses—all except one, and that one kiboshed the whole plot. Shortly before the race they met in the paddock, the owner greatly agitated,

his voice shook in saying the mare must not start. "Not run!" ejaculated his trainer. "Why, there she is"—indicating the direction of the animal—"fit to run for her life, and a certainty." "Yes, I know all about that," groaned his patron. "But when I left the house to get into the car I saw a bearded c.w., and I couldn't pair the beggar, though I looked everywhere, and even put up my glasses. We must wait for another day." Two crows for good luck, one for bad, says the proverb.

Spilling the Luck.

Some bookmakers refuse to pay on the horse debts outstanding from the previous day until after the first race. They consider it would spoil their luck for the afternoon to do so. There is a professional backer with a fastidious taste in ties who wears the same one so long as he is backing winners, but changes to a fresh one after every unprofitable day. People still vow that old Tom Dawson used to clear the way for a favourite from his stable by having the hedgerows and ticks beat the night before by men with double-barrelled guns, so that no magpies might be seen next morning; and then there is the romantic story told about the American "plunger" Walton, how he while walking on to the Heath one morning at Nowmarket picked up an old playing card which was lying face downwards in the road. It was the seven of hearts. "That's a dead straight tip," he said. "I shall bet on whatever is No. 7 on the card in the big race to-day." This was the Jockey Club Cup, on all form an absolute certainty for Corrie Roy, but Walton plunged recklessly on his superstitious tip for No. 7, which happened to be Ladislas, and a masterly bit of "kidding" by Fordham deluded the jockey on Corrie Roy into a false sense of security. He took matters easily and was beaten by a short head.

MUTOSCOPES AND MORALS.

Objectionable Pictures.

At the Kingston Borough Police Court on Jan. 31, William Harron, a member of the Showmen's Association, was summoned by the Commissioner of Police for exhibiting indecent automatic pictures at Eden Street on various dates in December and January; and his wife, Maud Barron, was summoned for aiding and abetting him. The defendants were further summoned for using the same premises for purposes of unlawful gaming.

Mr. E. F. Barker, prosecuting, said that the premises were known as "Funland." They were open every day, including Sundays, and were visited largely by children. Besides the gaming there were 12 automatic picture machines, or mutoscopes, and eight of these were absolutely obscene and indecent. There was no check placed upon young boys and girls viewing them. Some of the machines were labelled "For girls only—Spicy," and others "For gentlemen only." Police witnesses described the nature of the pictures of which complaint was made, and said they were most objectionable, especially having regard to the fact that they were to be viewed by boys and girls.

Mr. Hanson, who appeared for the defendants, said that if the pictures were really as described he would not dispute that they were indecent. It was stated that the machines had now been removed to Oxford Street, and the case was adjourned until Monday week for them to be taken back to Kingston in order that the Bench might examine the pictures. The defendants elected to go for trial on the charge of using the premises for gaming, and they were committed to the Surrey Sessions.

Miss Sylvia Raven Hill, daughter of the famous "Punch" cartoonist, is about to make the stage her profession, and will put herself under Mr. George Edwards's management at Daly's Theatre. Miss Raven Hill is a very attractive, accomplished young girl, and with a view to adopting the stage as a career has studied music and dancing in Paris.

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The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is, for the present suspended—Hupeh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kweichow and Tientsin.

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February 21st. March 8th.

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American, Koros, 22nd inst.
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MAILS CLOSE.

Huichow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Signal, 15th Mar., 9 a.m.
Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Hanol, 15th Mar., 9 a.m.
Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Yankhing, 15th Mar., 10 a.m.

Saigon—Per Kumohow, 15th Mar., 10 a.m.
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Coctown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Nikko, 15th Mar., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Tanyo-maru, 15th Mar., 11 a.m.

Saigon—Per Triumph, 15th Mar., 1 p.m.
Macao—Per Tai Tai, 15th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Saigon—Per Mamsang, 15th Mar., 10 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Kumang, 15th Mar., 10 a.m.
Amoy—Per Yinchow, 15th Mar., 10 a.m.

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Macao—Per Tai Tai, 15th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Kwong-sang, 15th Mar., 5 p.m.
Swatow—Per Helene, 15th Mar., 5 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anbei, 15th Mar., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 17th Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Diji-mara, 17th Mar., 9 a.m.

Welshai, Cebu and Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 18th Mar., 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Para, 18th Mar., 4 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Vorwaerts, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.
Shanghai—Per Tanching, 19th Mar., 11 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hailan, 21st Mar., 10 a.m.
Shanghai—Per Obenau, 21st Mar., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Anzaur, Yap, Marao, Friederich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Prinz Sigismund, 23rd Mar., 8 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Yankhing, 23rd Mar., 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lusan, 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.

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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Para, 26th Mar., 10 a.m.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Tanyo-maru, 26th Mar., 11 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Namsang, 29th Mar., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Para, 2nd April, noon.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lusan, 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Anzaur, Yap, Marao, Friederich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Prinz Sigismund, 23rd Mar., 8 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Namsang left Calcutta for Hongkong on the 11th inst., and is due on the 26th inst.
The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left Sydney on the 13th inst., for this port via Queensland ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

ARRIVALS.

Devanah, Br. s.s., 4,785, W. R. F. Hickoy, 13th Mar.—Bom bay 28th Feb., Mail app Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hsin Yu, Chi. s.s., 1,027, Richards, 14th Mar.—Canton 13th Mar., Ballast.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Tamon Maru No. 6, Jap. s.s., 2,119, D. Winsor, 13th Mar.—Mike 8th Mar., Coal.—M. B. K.

Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,940, S. Kumawaki, 14th Mar.—Karatsu 9th Mar., Coal.—M. B. K.

Milko Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,052, K. Yoshikawa, 14th Mar.—Singapore 7th Mar., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Shinmei Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,750, K. Nagata, 7th Mar.—Nagasaki 8th Mar., Coal.—M. B. K.

Rokkosa Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,343, Masuda, 14th Mar.—Mike 9th Mar., Coal.—M. B. K.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Anhui, for Canton.
Hainan, for Foochow.
Drafer, for Bangkok.
Devanah, for Shanghai.
Glamorgan, for London.
Signal, for Haiphong.
Nikko-maru, for Melbourne.
Shimoda, for Canton.
Chihna, for Shanghai.
Clara Jensen, for Swatow.
Hanoi, for Haiphong.

DEPARTED.
Mar. 14.

Hainan, for Coast Ports.
Talyan, for Melbourne.
Anhui, for Canton.
Tamon-maru, for Canton.
Tung Shing, for Canton.
Pakal, for Bangkok.
Hainan, for Newchwang.
Chihna, for Shanghai.
Glamorgan, for Saigon.
Kjeld, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Per s.s. Devanah, arrived 14th Mar., from London, &c.:

Armstrong, Miss Mylra, Mrs. Atkinson, O. Murray, Mrs. Banham, F. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Crossman, E. Miles, Mrs. and Miss. Copp, M. Paterson, Page, Miss. Evans, Mrs. Pestonjee, Ely, Miss. Parker, Miss J. Rhodens, A. K. Fontana, Countess Rosser, A. P. P. Fontana, Miss F. Sin See-yk.

Howie, Rev. & Mrs. Steel, Mrs. & Miss. Hoe Pook-lin, Sina, Dr. L. de. Hubner, Miss T. Blooms, Misses 2. Hull, Miss. Stra-ton, Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Fatt, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. A. Thani Bow-guan.

Jacques, Thacker, Mrs. Kharay, Tessa, C. B. Kimball, Miss. Wright, Miss. Lafienz, Woo Sun-chun. Loke, Hung. Willard, Mr. and Leong Han-keong Mrs.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.
20th Feb.—Machon, Ceylon, China, Schuykill, Nore, Teonai. 23rd Feb.—Achilles, Manchester Castle, Arabian, Glenfing. 27th Feb.—Atholl, Lutzow, Benyon, Matoppo, Namur. 1st March—Goeben, Ningchow, Antiochus, Polyneon, Segov's, Saouren, Deike Rickmers. 5th March—Pint-shire, Himalaya, Hitachi Maru, Konang Si, Nyansa, Baron Ingersole. 8th March—Ajax, Argonia, Artanax, Benlomond, O. Ford Lusz, Gango, Palswan, Ping Sney, Sydney. 12th March—Benary, Pania, Laster, Sam-bia, Madara.

Arrival at Home—16th Feb.—Caladonien, Persens. 20th Feb.—Eclipse. 23rd Feb.—Iyo Maru. 1st March—Brasilia, Bulow, Denbighshire, Teon-ki, Afghan Prince, Tonkin. 5th March—Polon, Indrawadi, Pak Ling. 8th March—Dartmond, Goeben, Hiranu Maru. 12th March—Indravelli, Dacre Castle.

March 15th at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Barometer 29.57 29.88
Temperature 64 50
Humidity 96 94
Rain = =

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LONDON & ANTWERP	W. R. F. Hickoy	13th Mar.	Freight only
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Capt. J. Randersmann

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-HAMA

Lutzow 17,300 THURSDAY, 21st March.
Capt. J. Dornfeldt

YAP, MANHON, SAMAR, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & M'BOURNE

Prinz Sigismund .. 6,000 SATURDAY, 23rd March, at 2 a.m.
Capt. U. Lens

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

Prinz Waldemar .. 6,100 TUESDAY, 2nd April.
Capt. H. Bremer

RUDAT & SANDAKAN

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Haitan J. S. Roach ... THURSDAY, 21st March, at 11 a.m.

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